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SUBJECT: VISIT OF JANEZ STANOVNIK, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,
UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (ECE)

1. STANOVNIK APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 11 WERE
CHARACTERIZED BY CORDIALITY AND FRANKNESS IN WIDE-
RANGING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ECE, FUTURE OF UN SYSTEM,
ROLE OF GROUP OF 77 IN UN, AND OTHER TOPICS. AS USUAL,
STANOVNIK IMPRESSED ALL BY HIS CHARM, WIT, AND ARTICULATE
DISCUSSION OF ISSUES. ALL APPOINTMENTS HELD AS SCHEDULED
EXCEPT CALL ON ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR URBAN MASS
TRANSIT JOHN HIRTEN, WHO WAS ILL.

2. IN GENERAL, STANOVNIK REMARKED ON THE UNFAVORABLE
CHANGE IN CLIMATE WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM, CHARACTERIZED,
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ON THE ONE HAND, BY GROWING INDIFFERENCE OF THE ECE

COUNTRIES TO PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD AND, ON THE OTHER, BY INCREASING PREVALENCE OF RADICAL VIEWS AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE THOUGHT THE UN SECRETARIAT SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN SEEKING TO RESOLVE THIS CONFLICT (I.E. BY ENCOURAGING COOPERATION) BUT FELT AT THE SAME TIME THAT HE, AS ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, WOULD HAVE TO STAY ON THE SIDELINES BECAUSE THE ISSUE IS REGARDED AS MARGINAL WITHIN THE ECE.

3. COMMENTING ON THE ROLE OF YUGOSLAVIA IN THE GROUP OF 77, STANOVNIK SAID THAT GOY, ALTHOUGH IT HAD SUPPORTED G-77 RESOLUTIONS DOWN THE LINE, NEVERTHELESS FACED 700 MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT IN 1974 BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DUE TO OIL PRICE INCREASE. THIS FIGURE WAS MORE THAN YUGOSLAVIA'S ENTIRE HARD CURRENCY EARNINGS FROM TOURISM. YUGOSLAV FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC, IN RECENT MEETING WITH STANOVNIK, ADVOCATED DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. BUT FINANCE SECRETARIAT, IN COMPLETE CONTRAST, SUPPORTED LINE TAKEN BY YUGOSLAV DELEGATION TO DAKAR CONFERENCE. STANOVNIK CHARACTERIZED DAKAR PROPOSALS FOR GENERALIZED PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATIONS AS "UNREALISTIC".

4. WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY RAY (OES) STANOVNIK EMPHASIZED HIS DESIRE TO SEE MORE PRACTICAL, LESS PHILOSOPHICAL WORK EMERGE FROM ECE SENIOR ADVISORS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORS, LISTING AREAS OF WASTE, LAND UTILIZATION, AND URBAN REBUILDING AS, IN HIS VIEW, USEFUL AREAS OF EMPHASIS. DR. RAY EXPRESSED GENERAL AGREEMENT, REMARKING THAT PHILOSOPHY IS ALWAYS LESS COSTLY THAN MORE PRACTICAL EFFORTS. SHE OBSERVED THAT AREAS STANOVNIK HAD MENTIONED, FOR THE MOST PART, DO NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. EXISTING TECHNOLOGY, EVEN IF IT IS NOT YET AS GOOD OR AS ECONOMIC AS IT MIGHT BECOME WITH EXPERIENCE AND FURTHER STUDY, CAN BE USED. WHAT ESSENTIALLY IS REQUIRED IS THE WILL TO APPLY IT. SHE MENTIONED, AS EXAMPLES, PRODUCTION OF AMMONIA FROM CITY GARBAGE AND METHENE GAS FROM HUMAN WASTE. REMARKING THAT DR. RAY'S APPROACH ENCOURAGED HIM TO PURSUE EMPHASIS ON

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGY WITHIN THE ECE SECRETARIAT, STANOVNIK ASKED WHAT OTHER AREAS SHE WOULD EMPHASIZE. DR. RAY CITED SOIL REHABILITATION AND REFORESTATION AS TWO SUCH AREAS. AGREEING, STANOVNIK CONCLUDED: "WE HAVE BEEN TOO PRODUCTION-MINDED, NOT SUFFICIENTLY CONSERVATION-MINDED".

5. WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOREY (IO) STANOVNIK

RAISED GENERAL QUESTION OF LACK OF COORDINATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION ARRANGEMENTS IN THREE KEY AREAS: (A) FOOD/FAO, (B) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND (C) ENERGY PROBLEMS AND UN ROLE IN THEM. IN REPLY, MOREY ADVOCATED RECOGNITION, ABOVE DESIRE FOR CONSOLIDATION AND CENTRALIZATION, OF NEED FOR SOME DIVERSITY IN UN SYSTEM AS CORRESPONDING MORE TO REALITIES OF THE WORLD. MOREY PRAISED ECE FOR ITS PRACTICAL CONTRIBUTION TO EAST-WEST

DIALOGUE AND DESCRIBED ORGANIZATION'S EAST-WEST ROLE AS OF TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE. HE ALSO URGED GREATER PARTICIPATION IN ECE EAST-WEST CONTACTS BY AMERICAN BUSINESS, OBSERVING THAT IN LONG RUN SUPPORT FOR UN IN US WOULD DEPEND ON THE STAKE WHICH VARIOUS AMERICAN PRIVATE SECTORS FEEL THEY HAVE IN IT. INGERSOLL

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